

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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COURTESY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP,
INC., dba COURTESY SUBARU OF
CHICO,

No. 2:22-cv-997 WBS DMC

Plaintiff,

v.

SUBARU OF AMERICA, INC., and
DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

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AMENDED STATUS (PRETRIAL SCHEDULING) ORDER

This Order amends the prior Status (Pretrial
Scheduling) Order previously issued by the court. (See Docket
No. 65.)

I. SERVICE OF PROCESS

All defendants have been served, and no further service
is permitted without leave of court, good cause having been shown
under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b).

II. JOINDER OF PARTIES/AMENDMENTS

No further joinder of parties or amendments to pleadings will be permitted except with leave of court, good cause having been shown under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b). See Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations, Inc., 975 F.2d 604, 607-10 (9th Cir. 1992).

III. JURISDICTION/VENUE

Jurisdiction is predicated upon 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a), because the parties are completely diverse and the amount-in-controversy exceeds \$75,000, in this breach of contract action between a franchisor and a franchisee. Venue is undisputed and hereby found to be proper.

IV. DISCOVERY

The parties agree to serve the initial disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1) on or before **April 23, 2025**.

The parties shall disclose experts and produce reports in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2) by no later than **August 25, 2025**. With regard to expert testimony intended solely for rebuttal, those experts shall be disclosed and reports produced in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2) on or before **September 24, 2025**.

All discovery, including depositions for preservation of testimony, is left open, save and except that it shall be so conducted as to be completed by **October 24, 2025**. The word "completed" means that all discovery shall have been conducted so that all depositions have been taken and any disputes relevant to discovery shall have been resolved by appropriate order if necessary and, where discovery has been ordered, the order has

1 been obeyed. All motions to compel discovery must be noticed on
2 the magistrate judge's calendar in accordance with the local
3 rules of this court and so that such motions may be heard (and
4 any resulting orders obeyed) not later than **October 24, 2025**.

5 **V. MOTION HEARING SCHEDULE**

6 All motions, except motions for continuances, temporary
7 restraining orders, or other emergency applications, shall be
8 filed on or before **January 5, 2026**. All motions shall be noticed
9 for the next available hearing date. Counsel are cautioned to
10 refer to the local rules regarding the requirements for noticing
11 and opposing such motions on the court's regularly scheduled law
12 and motion calendar.

13 **VI. FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE**

14 The Final Pretrial Conference is set for **March 23,**
15 **2026**, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom No. 5. The conference shall be
16 attended by at least one of the attorneys who will conduct the
17 trial for each of the parties and by any unrepresented parties.

18 Counsel for all parties are to be fully prepared for
19 trial at the time of the Pretrial Conference, with no matters
20 remaining to be accomplished except production of witnesses for
21 oral testimony. Counsel shall file separate pretrial statements
22 and are referred to Local Rules 281 and 282 relating to the
23 contents of and time for filing those statements. In addition to
24 those subjects listed in Local Rule 281(b), the parties are to
25 provide the court with: (1) a plain, concise statement which
26 identifies every non-discovery motion which has been made to the
27 court, and its resolution; (2) a list of the remaining claims as
28 against each defendant; and (3) the estimated number of trial

1 days.

2 In providing the plain, concise statements of
3 undisputed facts and disputed factual issues contemplated by
4 Local Rule 281(b) (3)-(4), the parties shall emphasize the claims
5 that remain at issue, and any remaining affirmatively pled
6 defenses thereto. If the case is to be tried to a jury, the
7 parties shall also prepare a succinct statement of the case,
8 which is appropriate for the court to read to the jury.

9 VII. TRIAL SETTING

10 Local Rule 201 states that "[w]here demand is made for
11 a jury trial, it shall appear immediately following the title of
12 the complaint or answer containing the demand." Defendant Subaru
13 of America, Inc., demanded a jury trial in its Answer to the
14 First Amended Complaint. (See Docket No. 35 at 29.) However,
15 this pleading does not mention a demand for a jury trial
16 immediately following its title. (See id. at 1.) Despite
17 defendant's lack of conformity with the Local Rules, the court
18 will accept its jury demand.

19 The jury trial is set for **May 27, 2026**, at 9:00 a.m.
20 The parties estimate that the trial will last three (3) days.

21 VIII. SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

22 A Settlement Conference with a magistrate judge will be
23 set at the time of the Pretrial Conference. Counsel are
24 instructed to have a principal with full settlement authority
25 present at the Settlement Conference or to be fully authorized to
26 settle the matter on any terms. At least seven calendar days
27 before the Settlement Conference counsel for each party shall
28 submit a confidential Settlement Conference Statement for review

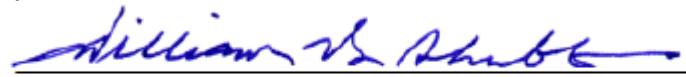
1 by the settlement judge. The Settlement Conference Statements
2 shall not be filed and will not otherwise be disclosed to the
3 trial judge.

4 IX. MODIFICATIONS TO SCHEDULING ORDER

5 Any requests to modify the dates or terms of this
6 Scheduling Order, except requests to change the date of the
7 trial, may be heard and decided by the assigned Magistrate Judge.
8 All requests to change the trial date shall be heard and decided
9 only by the undersigned judge.

10 IT IS SO ORDERED.

11 Dated: April 1, 2025


12 WILLIAM B. SHUBB
13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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